

## CLAIM

[0053] While two embodiments of the present invention have been described and illustrated, it would be obvious to those skilled in the art that various other changes and modifications can be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

[0054] I claim:

1. A new, protective, reusable pad apparatus for isolating an underlying surface from condensate runoff and radiant cold generated by a multiserving vessel, comprising:
  - a. an uppermost fabric covering that is hygroscopic; attached atop
  - b. a fabric, absorbent feature that is hydrophilic in the in plane and cross plane directions, that includes a density greater than said uppermost fabric covering; attached atop
  - c. a fabric wicking barrier; attached atop
  - d. a fabric, thermally-insulative feature; attached atop
  - e. a bottommost fabric covering including a cover factor that provides further thermal insulation.